CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby cellify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. Typed or Printed Name Martha Cisneros Signature **REPLY UNDER** Attorney Docket AERX-070DIV 9634 Confirmation No. 37 C.F.R. §1.111 First Named Inventor Beste Application Number 09/863,215 Filing Date May 22, 2001 Address to: Group Art Unit 1772 Assistant Commissioner for Patents **Examiner Name** Nordmeyer, P. Washington, D.C. 20231 Title **Excimer Laser Ablation Process** Control of Multilaminate Materials

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 24, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 24, 2002. A petition for a One Month Extension of Time is requested, making the response due on or before November 24, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Formal Matters

Claims 5 and 6 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 5 and 6 were examined. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nagura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,927,682).

The Office Action stated that Nagura et al. disclose layers in a sheet material made from polyamide and polyethylene, the polyethylene layer having holes on both the surface of the film and also in the interior of the polyethylene layer and lamination is used to hold the two layers together. The